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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Highlights of the Week

Helping Communities Recover from Hurricane Matthew



On Thursday, Gov. Cooper traveled to Fair Bluff to thank students and staff of Columbus Career and College Academy (CCCA) for their volunteerism during and after Hurricane Matthew. Amid the devastation from Matthew, CCCA acted as a Red Cross emergency shelter, taking in neighbors affected by the hurricane. The governor also visited residents at a housing complex that recently reopened after being severely damaged in Hurricane Matthew.

"Help can't come quick enough for those who have been left homeless from a hurricane," Cooper said. "The recovery process is long and we still have a lot more work to do. We need to get people back into their former homes or into new, safer homes."

[Read more about the governor's hurricane recovery visit here.](#)

6 Million Meals for Meals on Wheels



On Wednesday, Gov. Cooper and First Lady Kristin Cooper delivered the 6 millionth meal with the Meals on Wheels program in Winston-Salem. The governor and first lady met with Rosalie Young, a Meals on Wheels recipient, and talked with her about the importance of the program to seniors across North Carolina. Gov. Cooper also recognized the hard work of the many volunteers who fight hunger statewide.

"These volunteers knock on people's doors and they visit them and deliver nutrition," Gov. Cooper said. "But they offer kindness and friendship and companionship and deliver a message on behalf of this community that we care about you."

[Read more about Gov. Cooper's Meals on Wheels visit here.](#)

Protecting Our Drinking Water



On Thursday, Gov. Cooper vetoed House Bill 56, arguing that the legislation only symbolically addresses unregulated, emerging contaminants in North Carolina's drinking water. HB 56 does not provide resources to state agencies whose mission is to protect drinking water from illegal chemicals. The bill also unduly rolls back environmental protections regarding landfills, river basins and beaches.

"This cynical legislation fails to address the concerns of families in the Cape Fear region and does nothing to protect drinking water statewide going forward," said Gov. Cooper.

[Read Gov. Cooper's full statement here.](#)

NC Joins U.S. Climate Alliance



This week, Gov. Cooper announced that North Carolina will join the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition currently made of 15 states that are committed to reducing their share of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

"Clean air and a healthy environment are vital for a strong economy and a healthier future," Gov. Cooper said. "So much of North Carolina's economy relies on protecting our treasured natural resources, and I'm committed to maintaining the quality of the air we breathe for generations to come."

This is just the latest action taken by the Cooper Administration to help combat climate change. Gov. Cooper recently signed into law House Bill 589, Competitive Energy Solutions for North Carolina, which will roughly double North Carolina's solar generation over the next four years.

[Learn more about North Carolina's role in the U.S. Climate Alliance here.](#)

Wishing Livingstone College Students Well at Fall Convocation



On Friday, Gov. Cooper traveled to Salisbury to deliver a fall convocation address to students and faculty at Livingstone College, a historically black college. During his remarks, the governor encouraged students set intentions for the upcoming schoolyear and the years to follow.

"Living with purpose means something different for every person," Gov. Cooper said. "I'd like to share with you what living a life of purpose means to me, and then I'd like to challenge you to think about what it means to you."

Photo of the Week

Father, son on opposing sides of WFU-ASU game / B1

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Maria destroys homes, triggers flooding

Category 4 hurricane knocks out power all across Puerto Rico

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MARIA'S HURRICANE: The strongest hurricane to hit Puerto Rico in 20 years has caused widespread damage to homes and infrastructure, knocked out power to the entire island and triggered flooding and landslides. Hurricane Maria is an "impressive" Category 5 storm, according to the National Hurricane Center.



Local family awaits word on Maria's damage to home

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Patricia Rodriguez and her family have lived through six hurricanes in 20 years. Hurricane Maria is the first to hit Puerto Rico since 2004. Rodriguez and her husband, Luis, are awaiting word on the damage to their home in Santurce, San Juan. "We are scared," Rodriguez says. "We are waiting for the insurance company to come and see what we have to do."

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Quake relief push begins

Local groups plan to send water, food and other vital aid

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Local groups and the American Red Cross are working to help those affected by the magnitude 7.1 earthquake that struck Chile on Tuesday, killing at least 10 people. Puerto Rico's Red Cross is also responding to emergency funds from around the world to help those affected by the quake.

ROBERTO MORENO: The Chilean ambassador to the United States, Roberto Moreno, arrived in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday to speak with congressional leaders about the quake.

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Gina Day, Chaplain of Right Care, feeds her wife, Gina, at Right Care's 10th anniversary meal on Wednesday.

Cooper honors Senior Services' Meals on Wheels as program hits milestone

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Gov. Cooper on **#GrahamCassidy** Health Care Legislation:



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The latest proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act may be even worse than previous proposals: raising premiums, weakening protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and slashing over \$1 billion from North Carolina's Medicaid program. North Carolina's middle-class families will be worse off if this passes.

Senate Republicans in Washington must work with Democrats to reach a bipartisan solution that expands health care coverage and makes it better.

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